

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2003

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, April 1, I was unavoidably detained and missed roll-call vote No. 97.

Rollcall vote 97 was on passage of H. Con. Res. 109, legislation calling on all Americans to honor the men and women of the U.S. armed forces and their families, and encouraging them to display the Blue Star Banner or the Gold Star. It also called on the media to recognize the importance and symbolism of the Blue Star Banner.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on this bill.

I ask that my statement appear at the appropriate section in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING CHRISTOPHER E. ALVERSON

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2003

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, whereas, Christopher E. Alverson has devoted himself to serving others through his membership in the Boy Scouts of America; and

Whereas, Christopher E. Alverson has shared his time and talent with the community in which he resides; and

Whereas, Christopher E. Alverson has demonstrated a commitment to meet challenges with enthusiasm, confidence and outstanding service; and

Whereas, Christopher E. Alverson must be commended for the hard work and dedication he put forth in earning the Eagle Scout Award;

Therefore, I join with Troop 342, the residents of Fredericktown, and the entire 18th Congressional District in congratulating Christopher E. Alverson as he receives the Eagle Scout Award.

RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF THE AIR LAND EMERGENCY RESCUE TEAM "COLUMBIA" SHUTTLE DISASTER CREW

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2003

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I want to commend 158 men of the International ALERT Academy who selflessly spent 11 days in San Augustine County, Texas, helping with recovery efforts following the disastrous crash of the space shuttle *Columbia*.

From February 2–12, 2003, these men served our country and the families of the crew at their own expense, searching through the dense forests and briars of that region. Through their thoroughness, hard work, and willing attitudes these men brought encouragement to the leadership of the incident command structure, and every fellow worker involved.

Andrew Allison, Adam Anders, Ryan Anders, Donald Anderson, Oliver Araiza, Scott Avedisian, Jeremiah Baarbe, Michael Baird, Timothy Baldridge, Marv Behr, Matthew Berryman, Christopher Bourne, Jesse Brumbaugh, Tom Burch, Daniel Caciola, Kevin Cahill, Brian Cahil, Cody Carnett, Jonathan Carstensen, Craig Cato, Jonathan Chiew, Jonathan Chu, Bryce Chun, Mel Cohen, Marc Cohen, Jesse Conklin.

Andrew Conway, Shaun Cowhard, Timothy Crist, Steven Curry, Steve Dankers, Daniel Davies, Kurt Dean, Jonathan DeHaan, Michael DeMaio, John Davolt, Paul Ellis, Jeremy Enquist, Stephen Falkenstine, Brandon Fitch, Gabriel Garriga, Richard Geiger, Andrew George, Joel George, Carter Gibson III, Joshua Grimes, Jonathan Gunter, Nicholas Harris, Nathan Hasme, Jonathan Hasty, Mark Hasty, Terrel Hendrich.

Robert Heren, David Herring, William Hicks, Charles Hitchcock, Justin Horsman, Logan Howell, Jeff Huggins, John Hurst, Earl Jantz, Dick Jarrell, David Jodrey, Jeremy Johnson, Connor Jones, Kevin Jones, Lorin Kaney, Stephen Keating, Matthew Kinkade, Carl Kinz, Seth Kiser, Jonathan Knight, David Kress, Stephen Lacy, Jim Lampman, Kuan-Hui Lee, Emmanuel Lenau, Benjamin Longwell.

Jason Luksa, Mark MacLurg, Jonathan Mahoney, Greg Mandreger, Timothy Martin-Vegue, James Mayers, Stephen McKerracher, James Meek, Peter Melton, Steven Menzel, Jay Miller, Jeremy Minter, Merritt Mitchell, Russell Moulton, Zachariah Munger, Michael Muscanero, Adam Nunez, Joshua Oathout, Kyle O'Donnell, John O'Donnell, William Orr, Samuel Ortiz, Christopher Overby, John Owen, Micah Parrish, Stephen Parrish, Marc Payant.

David Pennywell, Jonathan Popowich, Michael Potter, Stephen Powers, Aaron Prentice, Jonathan Radford, Simon Rawson, Justin Reyes, Vladimir Robles, Josiah Savage, Clifford Scott, Scott Shetler, Doug Simmons, David Sisson, Phillip Smith, Benjamin Snyder, Tryg Solberg, Samuel Spear, Michael Spillman, James Spriggs, Stephen Stiller, Andrew Strain, John-David Sullivan.

Nathanael Swanson, Adam Switzer, Randy Switzer, Joel Talley, Shawn Tallman, John Tanner, Joshua Tanner, Justin Tanner, Andrew Thompson, Brett Thompson, Daryn Thompson, David Thornton, Robert Thurston, Abraham Timler, Roy Turner, Joshua Uecker, Nathan Walker,

Samuel Walker, Patrick Walsh, Joshua Watkins, Bruce West, Joseph West, Robert Wheeler, III, Mark Whitehead, Amadi Williams, Spencer Wolf, Jay Wright, Brian Yoder, Philip Yoder, and Mark Zeller.

TRIBUTE TO MATTHEW J. RYAN, A LEGACY OF PUBLIC SERVICE, COMPASSION, AND STATESMANSHIP

HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2003

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Speaker Matthew J. Ryan, a 21-term member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and second longest-serving Speaker in state history. Few Commonwealth leaders have matched the record of public service attained by Speaker Matthew J. Ryan. As one of Pennsylvania's finest public servants, he truly left this world a better place.

Speaker Ryan, a former First Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps, was an attorney by profession. He was elected Speaker for the first time in 1981. Throughout his distinguished tenure, Speaker Ryan was known and lauded by his colleagues from both sides of the aisle for the nonpartisan, fair manner in which he presided. Those of us who had the privilege to work with him on behalf of our mutual constituency knew him to be a man of great passion, compassion, and principle who worked with skill and determination for the best interests of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Nation. I looked to him for guidance on many occasions and could always rely on him for good solid advice on issues affecting our mutual constituencies.

Speaker Ryan would readily tell the House freshmen that the qualities of an outstanding legislator are "skill at listening and understanding, respecting others" strengths and accepting their limitations, commitment and courage, and learning the art of compromise."

He did not seek public service for fame or glory, he sought simply to help people. In an era of cynicism towards those in public life, Speaker Ryan reminded us of why we serve. His legacy will endure not only in the principles he stood for and the improvements he brought to his beloved Pennsylvania, but also his wonderful family, his wife, Judge Patricia Jenkins and children. They, too, carry Matt Ryan's commitment to public service and community.

Speaker Ryan will long be remembered in the halls of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. It is a better institution because of his service and leadership. More importantly, he was an effective public servant and improved the lives of thousands of families in his state and beloved Delaware County.

Mr. Speaker, our region has lost a great leader, and I have lost a good friend. Matt Ryan exemplified the spirit of service that has made this country great. It is proper to remember and honor a man of such worth and character with great respect for what he stood for.

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RECOGNIZING NATIONAL FORMER
PRISONER OF WAR RECOGNITION
DAY

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2003

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day.

Our country's former prisoners of war are national heroes. Their service placed them in harm's way, causing their capture and imprisonment. They have suffered and sacrificed a great deal to ensure our freedom and national security.

These courageous Americans who suffered through often horrific and demeaning conditions in wars, including Vietnam, the Persian Gulf War and now Operation Iraqi Freedom, have my greatest appreciation and respect. I also extend my gratitude to family members of former POWs who stood by and supported their loved ones during such excruciatingly difficult times.

Today's recognition of former POWs is particularly appropriate in light of the recent rescue of Pfc. Jessica Lynch. Pfc. Lynch was captured on March 23, along with 11 other U.S. soldiers from the 507th Maintenance Company. On April 2, in a dramatic military operation, she was rescued from a hospital in Iraq, and just two days ago was reunited with her family.

The heroism of Jessica Lynch and those who served our country before her signifies the high price of liberty.

As we recognize the former POWs that served our nation, I also want to offer my thoughts and sympathies to the family members of those who lost a loved one or have a loved one who is missing in action from the ongoing war in Iraq as well as past military conflicts.

On behalf of the people of the 4th Congressional District of New York, thank you to all former POWs for your brave service to America. To those who are still being held, we all pray for your safe rescue and that you come home soon.

EMERGENCY WARTIME SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT,
2003

SPEECH OF

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 3, 2003

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1559) making emergency wartime supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and for other purposes:

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Chairman, today we are considering the largest supplemental appropriations bill ever brought before the U.S. Congress—a bill totaling \$77.9 billion. We live in extraordinary times, Mr. Speaker, so it is no surprise that we are considering a bill requesting an extraordinary amount of supplemental spending. What is extraordinary,

however, is that in light of the war on terrorism, the war in Iraq, and the simultaneous obstacles we face in ensuring the security of our citizens here at home, this supplemental bill includes only \$4.2 billion for homeland security.

Mr. Speaker, our first responders are already under great pressure ensuring the safety of our citizens and I am sure we would all applaud them for their hard work and effort. But our applause is not enough. Our applause does not help them effectively protect our nation. Our applause does not help our first responders become any more prepared for a chemical or biological attack than they, and our nation, already are. Further exacerbating the problem for our first responders is the fact that many men and women who are now overseas either in Iraq, or in support of the military action in Iraq, are reservists or members of the National Guard who are police officers and firefighters when not on active duty. As a result, many of our local police and fire departments are experiencing shortages in the personnel they have available.

We must provide more funding for these men and women. For that reason, I opposed the Rule for the debate on the supplemental spending bill. This rule prohibits Mr. OBEY from allowing his important amendment that would increase funding by \$2.5 billion for Homeland Security programs. Programs that are critical to our nation's security. The OBEY amendment would provide critically needed funds for military facilities, nuclear security facilities, port and infrastructure security, and much-needed funds in the amount of \$1.2 billion for state and local first responders. It is a shame that Mr. OBEY is not allowed to offer his amendment, but it is an even bigger shame that this bill shortchanges our needs for security here at home.

That being said, I do believe this is an important bill. I believe that it provides the critical resources to support our men and women currently fighting in the field. Just as we must support our first responders, so too must we support the men and women courageously fighting overseas right now, and we must do so by providing additional funding that will help them conduct their missions. I am hopeful that these funds for those currently in harm's way will help bring a speedier resolution to the operations in which they are participating, and will help contribute to their safety and the speed with which they are able to return to their loved ones back here in the United States.

Mr. Speaker, I know that my thoughts, and the thoughts of my colleagues are, and should be, with the soldiers fighting overseas. But as we continue to keep them in our thoughts, we must not neglect the security of our nation at home. I hope that Members will work across party lines to provide more funding for our security at home as this bill returns from the conference committee. After all, don't we want to provide the best security possible for our soldiers when they return home? I, for one, certainly do. And I believe my colleagues should as well.

BOULDER CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2003

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Boulder City Fire Department for obtaining a Class 2 Insurance Service Offices (ISO) rating. The ISO Class 2 rating is obtained by less than one percent of the fire departments in the county and is made possible by the dedication and skill of Boulder City Fire Chief Dean Molburg and the firemen of Boulder City.

As a former Mayor of Boulder City, and its current Congressman, I am proud that Boulder City has been recognized for its excellent fire coverage. The courage and commitment to public service shown every day by Boulder City firefighters is an example for all of us. They, and all Nevada first responders, have my thanks and full support.

RECOGNIZING ASHWAUBENON VIL-
LAGE PRESIDENT TED
PAMPERIN

HON. MARK GREEN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2003

Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, today before this House I'd like to recognize and honor Ashwaubenon Village President Ted Pamperin, whose exceptional leadership and commitment to the citizens of Brown County have strengthened our local communities, and set a superb example for our future leaders.

Ted's dedicated service began in 1971, when he was elected Ashwaubenon town supervisor. Since that time, Ted has held a wide range of offices, and served on virtually every committee and board in Ashwaubenon.

As a friend and colleague, I am sad to see Ted leave. However, I know his constituents are very grateful for the tremendous contributions he has made to our area throughout his tenure. Ashwaubenon is a strong community with an exceptional work force, a proud history, and a wholesome tradition. There's no question Ted has kept Ashwaubenon on that path, and greatly enhanced the quality of life for folks all across Brown County.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor and pleasure to recognize today the extraordinary service of Ashwaubenon Village President Ted Pamperin. On behalf of my constituents, we say thank you, and we wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

IN MEMORY OF INGERBORG
CARTIER HENRY

HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 9, 2003

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, a blessed woman from my district in the U.S. Virgin Islands, whose worth was far above rubies left this temporary earthly residence and went home.